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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Region Engineers  
Region Associate Delivery Engineers  
Region Construction Engineers  
Resident/Project Engineers/TSC Managers  
Region Traffic Engineers

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**SUBJECT:** Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum 2001-14  
New Work Zone Sign Required by Law

On July 27, 2001, Governor Engler signed a new law (known as Andy's Law) that stiffens the penalty for motorists responsible for a moving violation causing injury or death to a person working in a construction zone. The law becomes effective October 1, 2001.

The law mandates that a regulatory sign be placed at the construction site to notify motorists of the range of penalties for at-fault accidents involving a worker in a construction zone. The law states, in part, "Whenever practical, signs designed in compliance with the uniform manual of traffic control devices shall be appropriately placed at the construction zone by the state transportation department or road authority having jurisdiction over the construction zone notifying operators of vehicles of the increased fines and penalties provided by this section for the protection and safety of construction workers."

According to the law, the penalty for a moving violation resulting in injury to a worker in a construction zone is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1000 or less, or imprisonment for one year or less, or both. If the moving violation results in death to a worker in a construction zone, the penalty is a felony punishable by a fine of \$7500 or less, or by imprisonment for 15 years or less, or both.

The schematic for the new sign is attached. The sign should be placed at all current and future projects, where practical. The new sign is to be placed approximately "D" distance after (toward the construction) the "ROAD WORK NEXT \_\_\_ MILES" (G20-1) sign.

Maintaining Traffic Typical M1am through M1dm, and M1ae through M1de showing the sign placements will be available on the Traffic and Safety Division's website shortly.

A frequently used special provision will be written to be placed in future projects.

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